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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, this
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- ☐ within three months of the filing date of this application (not a C.P.A.);
- ☐ within three months of the date of entry of the National Stage;
- ☒ before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits; or
- ☐ before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits of, after the filing of a
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under §1.114.

Attached is a copy of the English translation of the International Preliminary Report
on Patentability issued in the corresponding International application. All of the documents

cited in the IPER were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, no further comment with regard to the disclosure of this documents is believed to be required.

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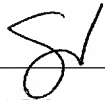
It is respectfully requested that the attached documents be considered and officially cited, and that the Examiner initial a copy of Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B, and return them to the undersigned to indicate that the documents have been considered.

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